

his first semi-pro game as a 13-year-old for the Wallington Panthers. For the next 4 years, Chick played varsity ball for Pope Pius XII High School. While still in school, Chick also starred in American Legion, first pitching for Memorial Post 200 and later for Rosol-Dul Post, pitching the former to the State semifinals in 1948. Like Jack Brady, Chick's semi-pro career began with the Passaic Drazins in 1948 and continued with the Passaic Red Sox in 1949. Chick's career culminated with many stellar performances for the Passaic DeMuro Comets, one of the finest teams in the metro area.

While pitching for this championship team, Chick twice faced New York Yankee Hall-of-Famer Whitey Ford of the Fort Monmouth Army team. His excellent performances in these high-profile games earned Chick an offer to join the Boston Braves farm system. He declined this offer, however, in favor of completing his studies at Seton Hall University. He was attending Seton Hall on a scholastic scholarship, from which he graduated magna cum laude. Following graduation, Chick entered the U.S. Navy, where he served as a communications officer aboard the USS *Midway*. After his release from the Navy, Chick entered upon a 34-year executive career with the New York Telephone Co. At the same time, he remained active in the Naval Reserve Intelligence Program, eventually rising to the rank of captain. He retired in 1990 and continues to live with his wife, Frances, in Totowa.

Richard Zurichin was an exceptional all-around athlete, excelling in basketball, football, and baseball. Yet, his first love was baseball. Although he received the Most Valuable Player Award from the Passaic Time Out Club for his efforts as a quarterback, Dick went to Seton Hall University and starred for the baseball team. His 1.80 earned run average earned him the honor of being named to the Collegiate Baseball All Star Team. Playing the mighty Passaic DeMuro Comets, Dick's biggest thrill was playing the U.S. Army East District Champions at Fort Dix, NJ, where Dick pitched the DeMuro Comets to the upset victory. His lifetime record for the Comets was an impressive 27 wins and 3 losses.

Mr. Speaker, each of these outstanding individuals, through their countless contributions not only to the game of baseball but also to the communities of Passaic County, have touched and enriched the lives of thousands of people in this area. For this, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring these gentlemen during the 11th annual Passaic semi-pro baseball reunion.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK, MAY 5-11, 1996

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, raising a child is one of the most difficult and challenging jobs, and the difficulties are augmented when a child has an emotional, behavioral or mental disorder. Not only are parents challenged to prepare their child for an increasingly technical job market, but also must help their child understand, cope with and overcome their disorder.

A group of dedicated parents, mental health professionals and mental health agencies all over the country work tireless hours to inform the public about disorders in children and provide information on services available. Because of their efforts, this year Children's Mental Health Week will be celebrated on a national level for the first time. During the week of May 5-11 the group's goal is to disseminate information to communities about the needs of these special children and their families. I urge my colleagues to become involved with Children's Mental Health Week.

Little is known about mental disorders. Even less is known about the mental disorders in children. Diagnosing disorders in children is more complex than diagnosing adults and is very difficult to understand. While treatment is focused on the children, support and guidance is also important for families who suffer from stress. Comprehensive effective services on a local level are essential to aid communities. Continued research on the effectiveness of programs should be supported.

Mental disorders do not discriminate on the basis of income, education, race, ethnic or religious groups. Disorders are found in children of single parents, two-parent families, adoptive and foster families. Some children are born with the disorder while biological, environmental, social and psychological factors cause disorders in other children. A mental disorder, which can strike anyone at any time, range from serious to minor and include attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism, clinical depression, panic disorder and learning disabilities.

Public Law 102-321, the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration [ADAMHA] Reorganization Act, provides block grants to States to provide community mental health services for children. The 22 5-year grants are being used to implement community-based programs. Although data on the effectiveness and outcome of such support is not yet available, I urge my colleagues to continue to support the grant programs. I also urge my colleagues to recognize and commend these dedicated parents for their continued efforts to educate the public on emotional, behavioral, and mental disorders in children.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CROATIAN CATHOLIC UNION OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 1996

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Croatian Catholic Union of the United States of America and Canada [CCU] as it celebrates its 75th anniversary and legacy of accomplishment for Croatian-Americans. The celebration will begin this Saturday, May 4, during a luncheon at the Croatian Catholic Union home office in Hobart, IN. The celebration will continue on Sunday in Chicago, with a mass at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The CCU is honored to have His Eminence Cardinal Franjo Kuharic, the archbishop of Zagerb, Croatia, and Msgr. Valdimir Stankovic, the director of pastoral care for Croatians aboard and director of Croatian Caritas, preside over the anniversary

celebration. In addition, Melchior Masina, the national president of the CCU, and Myrna Jurcev, the national secretary treasurer of the CCU, will be speaking. Both the residents of Indiana's First Congressional District.

The CCU is a fraternal benefit society incorporated in 1921 under the laws of the State of Indiana as a nonprofit organization. This organization provides life insurance and other benefits to its members and promotes religious, civic, charitable, educational, social, and cultural programs for the enrichment of its members. Furthermore, the CCU promotes the values of its members' Croatian Catholic heritage.

In 1970, through its religious programs, the CCU erected two Marian Chapels, which make up the Croatian Marian Shrine in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This Croatian Marian Shrine offers a place to worship and it serves as a symbol of Croatian-American contributions to the New World. Moreover, it unites all visiting Croatian-Americans in a strong bond of mutual solidarity and identity. Each year, the CCU organizes a national pilgrimage to the shrine.

While the CCU's programs are civic in nature, the CCU participates in all events sponsored by the National Fraternal Congress. For example, the CCU raised significant funds to restore the Statue of Liberty, and it also made donations to Habitat for Humanity. In fact, many charitable donations have been made throughout the CCU's history, especially at times of great disasters. The CCU has raised millions of dollars in cash donations, medical supplies, food, and clothing for the refugees and orphans in the Balkans.

According to the CCU, the purpose of the organization is service to God. The center of the CCU's mission is service to Croatian-American people. The core of their vision is service, solidarity and love for one another.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the Croatian Catholic Union of the United States and Canada during its 75th anniversary celebration. All the CCU's members should be commended for their dedication to preserving their culture, as well as assisting Croatian-Americans and others in times of need.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

HON. MIKE PARKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 1996

Mr. PARKER. Mr. Speaker. In just a few hours, Americans across this great Nation will recognize one of the most important annual events for the future of our Nation—the National Day of Prayer.

Tomorrow, May 2, people of all ages, races and denominations will bow down to give thanks for the many blessings this Nation has received. And tomorrow, hundreds of thousands will offer up prayers for the healing of our Nation and for divine guidance for its elected leaders. As Members of Congress, no matter what our religious affiliation, we should be appreciative of the intercessory prayer being offered on our behalf.

I hope that each of my colleagues, in your own personal way, will observe the National Day of Prayer—a tradition since Congress

passed a resolution in 1952—and will welcome the many visitors to our Nation's Capital who come to pray for you.

As always, I commend Wanda K. Wigley for making the Mississippi National Day of Prayer a priority in our State. God bless America, guard us and guide us, and give our Nation peace.

IN HONOR OF SAM GIBBONS

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to our distinguished colleague, Mr. GIBBONS. The unwavering determination and fighting spirit of this war hero and political hero will be sorely missed when he leaves this body.

Appointed to the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee in the 103d Congress, his tenure was much too brief. Congressman GIBBONS currently serves as the ranking Democratic Member.

First elected to Congress in 1962, which makes him a Member of this House for more than three decades, Mr. GIBBONS is never far from the action—in fact, we usually can find him right in the middle of it. This Congress he has been a noted and passionate defender of Medicare and Medicaid, school lunches and a welfare system that creates long-term solutions to the cycle of poverty.

The Member from Tampa has a long history of shepherding domestic programs through the House. In the 1960's, President Johnson entrusted SAM to manage on the floor much of his Great Society Program, which included the very successful Head Start and Job Corps Programs.

Congressman GIBBONS has served his country for all of his adult life, beginning with his valiant service in World War II, when he parachuted into France the night before the Normandy invasion and received a Bronze Star for his heroic efforts.

Congressman GIBBONS's contributions to this House are legion. We will miss particularly his spirit, his tenacity, his humor, and his commitment to improving our country. I join with all of my colleagues in wishing our friend well as he moves on to his next challenge.

INJURED FEDERAL WORKERS

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 1996

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I have recently introduced three bills, along with my colleague from Washington, Representative JENNIFER DUNN. These bills, H.R. 3203, H.R. 3204, and H.R. 3205, would, if enacted, make only minor changes to our labor law, yet will provide major changes in the quality of the lives of many who serve this Nation as employees of the Federal Government. These bills not only continue this Congress' effort to force the Federal Government to conform to the laws that apply to all other citizens in this great country, but also bring additional accountability to one

of our Government's largest Federal bureaucracies, the Department of Labor.

Mr. Speaker, of all the worker's compensation programs nationwide, only the Federal Government's does not allow for judicial review of cases to insure fair and equitable access and redress. Although proposals have been introduced in the past to address this question, the opportunity for success in this endeavor has never been greater. The culture of Congress has changed, and with this change, there is a newfound persistence in finding innovative solutions to vexing problems which previously were more easily buried or ignored.

H.R. 3205 not only provides a more equitable review process, but also provides reasonable time limitations in their deliberation. This bill expedites the initial decision process, eliminates the practice of redundant second opinions without legitimate legal or medical provocation, and provides the opportunity for claimants to have their own physician or representative present during the examinations. These provisions will significantly reduce the size of the quiet second opinions cottage industry that has developed in the wake of cases lasting up to 10 years, ruining the lives of the injured employees, and costing the Federal Government hundreds of millions of dollars.

Additionally, H.R. 3205 requires the Secretary of Labor to fix physician fees at a level comparable to the limits placed on fees charged by the claimants own physicians. By equalizing compensation levels and structures, Federal workers can be assured that they are getting a fair hearing with honorable medical representation.

Finally, H.R. 3205 requires the Secretary of Labor to provide reemployment and vocational skill training to injured workers to quickly return the injured employee to the workplace. Federal employees are valuable assets to the Federal Government, with millions of dollars spent every year in training. It makes little sense to waste the capabilities of these workers developed over years of experiences in the Federal workplace by forcing them to sit on the sideline, and in many cases, extract millions more from the Federal Government through disability and other compensation.

H.R. 3203 and H.R. 3204 are bills with similar purposes, to streamline and expedite the workers compensation policies of the Federal Government to provide fair and equitable access for all workers. Specifically, H.R. 3203 would require that in cases requiring a second opinion, that physician will be selected on an impartial basis. H.R. 3204 would require that physicians selected to provide medical opinions be board certified in the medical specialty which is being called into question. Mr. Speaker, you would be surprised to learn that despite repeated attempts by my office to have the agency in question voluntarily modify this practice, my constituents continue to be diagnosed by physicians with no certification to diagnose injuries of the nature in dispute.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, these bills are commonsense solutions to very specific problems. They are not legitimately controversial, and will truly make a legitimate difference in the lives of the hard-working Federal employees who provide valuable and necessary Government services. Besides the relatively mundane Federal workers that staff our bureaucracies, these unsung heroes also include the

valiant members of Border Patrol agents, Federal Firefighters, U.S. Marshals, Drug Enforcement Agents, and the Secret Service who put their lives and bodies in harm's way every day.

Representative DUNN and I are committed to expediting the journey of these bills to the floor of the House of Representatives, and I urge the committee of jurisdiction to examine these issues in the context of this year's hearings, and move forward as quickly as possible.

HOOSIER BUSINESS GROWTH

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 1996

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, April 24, 1996, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

HOOSIER BUSINESS GROWTH

When politicians and the media talk about the economy, they tend to focus on the big, negative stories. Everyone has heard about how major corporations like IBM and AT&T are laying off workers in an attempt to downsize and become more competitive. Hoosiers have not been immune to such news. Recently Colgate in Clarksville and Randall Textron in Switzerland County, among others, have announced layoff plans. News like that causes all workers to feel anxious about their job security and the future. Hoosiers, however, should take some comfort that the Indiana economy has improved and is generating thousands of new jobs.

CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

In recent years the unemployment rate in Indiana has been consistently lower than the national average, and the earnings of Hoosier workers have grown faster than in the rest of the country. At the end of 1995, the unemployment rate in the state was 4.6%, compared to 5.6% nationally. Economists tell us that the Indiana economy is operating at near full capacity, inflation is in check, and interest rates are low. In 1995, more than 50,000 net jobs were created in Indiana, and Hoosiers' real earnings grew by 3.4%, well ahead of the national average of 2.1%. Leading the way in job and earnings growth was the manufacturing sector, with a 7% increase in employment and a 6.6% increase in earnings.

The performance of the economy in the 96th District mirrors that of the state as a whole. The manufacturing sector is the single largest employer in our part of the state, and other important sectors are retail trade, services, construction, and agriculture. The I-65 corridor from Columbus to the Ohio River is one of the fastest growing areas in the state. Small businesses, in particular, are playing a major role in the expansion and diversification of southern Indiana's economy. Indeed, small businesses are the backbone of the U.S. economy as a whole, responsible for generating the majority of all new jobs. There are almost 6 million small businesses in the U.S. today, employing more than 92 million workers. In Indiana alone, 129,000 small businesses employ more than 2.1 million Hoosiers.

EXPANDING BUSINESSES

Helping the economy of the 9th District has been one of my priorities, and I want to share with you a few of the stories I have heard recently about companies that are doing well, expanding, and creating jobs in the region.